

Remarks

Claims 1-49 are currently pending. Claims 1, 2, 15, 26, 35, 36, 46, and 47 have been amended while claims 50-62 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. No new claims have been added. Applicants assert that all claims are in condition for allowance as set forth more fully below.

103 Rejections

Claim 1 is rejected as being unpatentable over Rajakarunanayake in view of Bahrs. Claims 2-10, 15-22, 26-28, 35-44, 46-51, and 59-60 are rejected as being unpatentable over Whitehead in view of Rajakarunanayake. Claims 11-14, 23-25, 29-34, 45, 52-58, and 61-62 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Whitehead in view of Raja and Bahrs. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections to the extent they apply to the currently pending claims.

The independent claims are amended to more clearly indicate that the client application computer that is implementing the application that makes use of the configuration variable data is the same client application computer that requests the configuration variable data from the application properties server for the application and is the same client application computer that receives the response to the request including the configuration variable data. The cited references do not disclose these recitations.

The cited references fail to disclose that the same client computer implements the application that utilizes the configuration variables, requests the configuration variable data from the applications properties server, and then also receives the request including the configuration variable data from the application properties server. For example, in Raja, the laptop receives config routines from a central source but the config routines are applied to CPE rather than being applied to the laptop itself. Furthermore, the CPE does not request anything from the central source. Thus, neither the laptop nor the CPE is providing all of the functionality claimed for the client application server of the claims. The additional cited references do not account of this deficiency of Raja such that the combination fails to disclose all of the elements of the claims. Accordingly, claim 1-49 are allowable over the cited combination for at least these reasons.

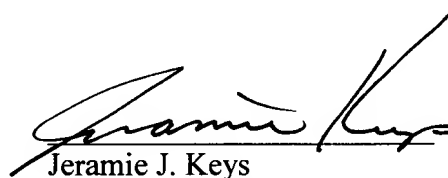
Furthermore, in relation to claim 26, none of the cited references disclose three separate client application computers, one with a JAVA based application, one with a CORBA based application, and one with an internet application, where these three all request configuration variable data from the same application properties server, then receive the response to the request from the application properties server which includes the configuration variable data for the applications being implemented. Thus, claim 26 and dependent claims 27-34 are allowable over the cited combination for at least these additional reasons.

Conclusion

Applicants assert that the application including claims 1-49 is now in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees are believed due beyond the fee for continued examination. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

Respectfully submitted,

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